MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know what will be the probable cost for completing that 6 furlongs?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 7,800.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether it will include the cost of the bridge also?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, it will include the cost of the bridge also.

MR. K. A NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know on whose recommendation the foot-bridge was constructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) I believe it was on the recommendation of the Division Officer and at the request of some local inhabitants.

MR. K. A NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Was it a written or an oral request?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am not aware.

PRESIDENT: Are these, whether they were written or oral, very important questions? Only relevant questions are to be asked in supplementary questions?

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Sir, a word of explanation why I ask these questions. This road was proposed to be opened by the Executive Engineer then in charge of the Alwaye Division. When he was transferred and when a new Division Officer came, in his opinion and on communal considerations the road and bridge were not found necessary. This matter was agitated in the public press and hence these questions were necessitated.

PRESIDENT: All these questions were put and answered. Any more questions, please?

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): One question more. I want to know whether the Chief Engineer proposes to complete this 6 furlongs road in the near future?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is a question for future consideration.

Applications for fee concession.

50. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date from which the system of deciding the applications for fee concession by a committee appointed for the purpose has been pursued

(*b*) the rules regarding the constitution of the Fee Concession Committee up to 1109;

(*c*) whether there is any change in the rules regarding the constitution of the Committee for 1110 and

(*d*) the nature of the change and the reasons therefor?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) From the beginning of the school year 1924-25.

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[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

(*b*) The Committee was composed of (i) the Tahsildar of the taluk; (ii) the Headmaster of the school (departmental or private as the case may be) which the pupil attended; and (iii) the elected member of the taluk for the previous session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly or the groups of *pakuthies* concerned when there were two members elected from the taluk in which the institution was situated, as regards English Schools; and (i) of the Tahsildar, (ii) the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly Member mentioned above and (iii) the local Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, as regards Vernacular Schools.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In the case of English Schools and the Middle School section of the Vernacular High and the Training Schools, the Headmasters and Headmistresses of the schools concerned and the Tahsildars of the taluk meet and decide the award, subject to the approval of the Division Inspectors of Schools or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools; and in the case of Vernacular Middle Schools, the Assistant Inspector or the Assistant Inspectress, as the case may be, of the District in which the school is situated and the Tahsildar of the taluk meet and decide, subject to the approval of the Division Inspectors of Schools or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

The old committees were found to be expensive and cumbersome.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the object of giving fee concession to the students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): As an encouragement to backward and depressed classes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether concession is not granted to the students of other communities also?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A limited number of concessions is granted to what are called forward communities.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the object of such concessions to the forward communities?

MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): To give some encouragement to poor but deserving pupils.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government why they did not think it proper to exclude any one of the official members to make it less cumbersome?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The official members are on the spot and it was considered necessary to retain them on the Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is why the Government did not think it proper to exclude any one of the official members to make the Committee less cumbersome.

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): My answer is that the official members are members who live in the locality and it was not cumbersome to include them in the Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the total expense the Government had to incur for this purpose last year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the total expense Government had to incur for this purpose for the current year?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There will be hardly any expenditure because the question of T. A. may not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I mean the year 1110?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I said there may be no expenditure.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvalla III*): I mean the year 1110 for allowance.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): If the member means expenditure for the working of the Committee, there may be none at all.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I do not understand how the member answers like this.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am referring, Sir, to the expenditure, since these rules came into force.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): For the year 1110?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already claimed notice for that.

MR. T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they are satisfied that the representatives of the people would be in a better position to judge the pecuniary situation of the guardians of the pupils?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That was not the opinion of the Government.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether they have considered that question?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the pecuniary circumstance of the students' guardians is one of the criteria to give fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Direction of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they have allotted any amount in the next year's budget for T. A. expenses to the members of the Fee Concession Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I may refer the member to the budget.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the exact amount?

PRESIDENT: The figures are in the hands of the member himself.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I want to ask some supplementary questions based on that.

May I know the purpose for which such allotment is made in the next year's budget?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It may be required or it may not be required. We cannot say that definitely at present.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Am I to take it then that it was without understanding the exact purpose that this allotment was made in the budget?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The allotment has been made with a view to provide for possible expenditure for the working of the Fee Concession Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): On page 113 of the budget, an amount of Rs. 500 has been allotted. I want to know the purpose for which that amount is alloted.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is for T. A., 'if any' to the new Fee Concession Committee and perhaps also for payment of arrears for 1110.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Director of Public Instruction why there was found a necessity to effect a change in the constitution of the Committee? Was it on the ground that if there was sufficient non-official representation, there will be expenditure created? The main ground for changing the Fee Concession Committee seems to be that the non-official members of the Committee will have to be paid travelling allowance. If that be the case, where is the necessity for providing an allotment for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That was one of the reasons for the change.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the other reasons?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is stated in the printed answer, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): How cumbersome? Will the member be pleased to explain?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. Members of the Legislature do not always reside in their constituencies. For instance, a member may be living in Trivandrum and

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he may be attending the Fee Concession Committee meetings in his constituency, though he may not possess any close knowledge of the condition of the guardians of the pupils who claim concession. In such cases, he may not be of much use to the Committee.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Has the Director of Public Instruction considered whether a non-official responsible person in that locality may be more useful to sit along with the Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is a different matter, Sir and the suggestion will be considered.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the Government whether this change of constitution was placed before the Educational Advisory Board?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir the change was made on the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member whether there are Honourable members of this House on that body?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Several, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have they represented that the other members of the Committee are cumbersome on the Committees?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Apparently, Sir, because that was the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the Government whether it is the distance of the residence of the member that makes it cumbersome or whether it is that he does not possess knowledge of the condition of the people?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He may not possess knowledge of the financial condition of particular individals required for the Fee Concession Committee's work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is any report to the effect that members of the Fee Concession Committee have no knowlege of the condition of the people of their constituencies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I said, Sir, that the subject was considered at a meeting of the Advisory Board.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I wish to know whether the Government have come to that conclusion on the basis of any report from any officer?

PRESIDENT: "On the recommendation of the Advisory Board," was the answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Educational Advisory Board has come to the conclusion that the members of the Assembly on the Fee Concession Committees do not know the condition of the people?

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PRESIDENT: Well, those members must be asked.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The Government member must answer the question since Government have accepted the recommendation of the Board.

PRESIDENT: Government accepted the recommendation because it emanated from the Board.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, it affects our prestige. So, I asked this question (*Hear, hear*). Have Government come to the conclusion that the local officers alone have any knowledge of the condition of the people?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is not the general condition of the locality but the condition of the particular individuals that is required. The condition of particular pupils is certainly better known to the local officers than to the representatives of the legislature. I was not referring to the general condition of the people but to the financial condition of particular individuals.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*). In awarding fee concession, has the Committee to go into the question of the condition of the guardian of the pupil or the condition of the pupil?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is the condition of the guardian. Even so, the local Tahsildar and the Headmaster may have more knowledge of the particular individual than the representative in the legislature of that locality.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member the basis on which the Director of Public Instruction makes the suggestion that the local officers know the condition of the guardian better than members of this House?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether every recommendation of the Advisory Board has been accepted by the Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Does the question arise, Sir?

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the members of the Advisory Board from this Assembly made their suggestion on their personal experience that they have no knowledge of the condition of the guardians in their constituency and Government approved the same as a generalisation with regard to the other members as well?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not follow the question, Sir.

PRESIDENT: He asks how the Board came to the conclusion with regard to the other members also.

Next question, please.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): May I know whether the Director is in a position to give the names of the members of the Advisory Board who gave the opinion ?

PRESIDENT : I have passed on to the next question.

Ezhava and Muslim Police Inspectors.

51. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Ezhava Police Inspectors in service at present; and

(*b*) the number of Muslim Police Inspectors in service at Present ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Ten (including Mr. R. Gangadharan on other duty as Jailor, Central Prison).

(*b*) Seven (including Mr. S. Nuhukhan, acting Inspector of Police).

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government whether Mr. Palpu and Mr. Kesavan are included under part (*a*) to the answer ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : They are.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know what they are at present ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : They are Police Inspectors.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether Mr. Palpu is functioning as a Police Inspector at present ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : He is an Inspector of Police now functioning as the Manager of the Police Headquarters Office.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): What is Mr. K. N. Kesavan now ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : He is still an Inspector at Kottarakara.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether there are acting Police Inspectors included under part (*a*) of the answer ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No, Sir.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know the number of Inspectors mentioned under part (*a*) who were recruited during the time of Mr. Ramanuja Aiyangar ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : I have not got the figure now. I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know the number of Police Inspectors recruited during the last two years under part (*a*) ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know the number of Inspectors recruited during the time of Mr. Ramanuja Aiyangar under part (*b*) ?

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